



Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.4. Weather was very good for fieldwork for much of the week. Sporadic rain showers in some areas and cooler temperatures during the weekend. Farming activities included planting wheat and cover crops; harvesting corn, apples, peanuts, soybeans and cotton.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 10/23/16

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	6	21	62	11
Subsoil	4	20	70	6

- Represents zero.

CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 10/23/16

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Cotton	-	4	47	49	-
Hay, Alfalfa	4	8	41	44	3
Hay, Other	5	15	41	36	3
Peanuts	-	3	24	65	8
Soybeans	1	18	31	39	11
Pasture	7	18	37	35	3
Livestock	1	6	25	57	11

- Represents zero.

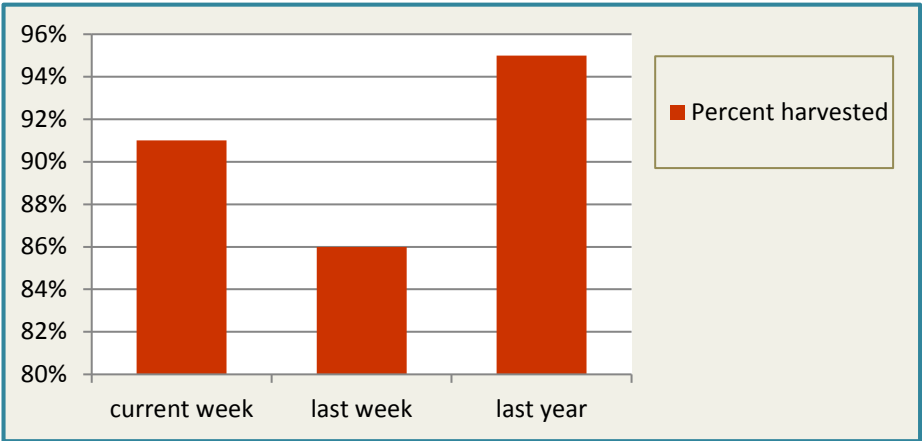
CROP PROGRESS for week ending 10/23/16

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	91	86	95	-
Barley planted	60	41	61	75
Corn for grain harvested	85	79	88	86
Cotton bolls opening	99	98	99	98
Cotton harvested	25	8	31	31
Peanuts harvested	55	40	49	52

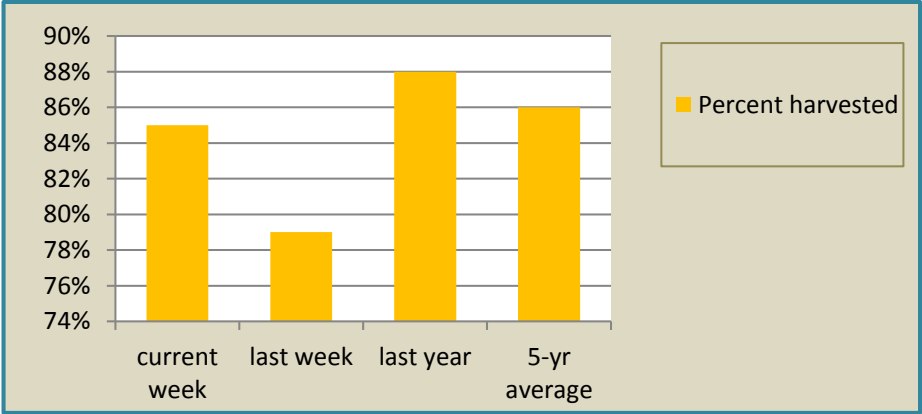
Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Soybeans dropping leaves	84	74	88	87
Soybeans harvested	19	7	30	23
Tobacco, Flue-cured harvested	92	88	95	94
Winter Wheat planted	35	20	35	34

- Represents data not available.

APPLES HARVESTED for week ending 10/23/16



CORN FOR GRAIN HARVESTED for week ending 10/23/16



Weather Summary- For the week ending October 23, 2016

City	Temperature						Growing degree days (modified base 50)		Precipitation				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal *	Mar. 1 to Oct. 22	Mar. 1 to Oct. 22 norm	Last Week	Since Sept. 1	Sept. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	76	54	87	46	65	10	4211	3787	0.00	5.11	-1.19	38.82	2.88
Norfolk	80	59	87	48	70	10	4859	4242	0.08	18.89	12.34	61.26	22.49
Richmond	79	56	87	43	67	10	4515	4108	0.01	15.37	8.81	48.79	12.11
Roanoke	77	55	89	48	66	10	4439	NA	0.12	9.17	3.10	42.94	7.46
Wash/Dulles	78	55	87	46	66	12	4217	NA	0.17	3.12	-3.12	31.11	-3.45

* Normal based on 1971-2000 data. NA-Not available. Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>. Source: USDA, NASS, Virginia Field Office.

REPORTER COMMENTS BY COUNTY – Comments are based on remarks made by extension agents, farmers, commodity specialists, and other knowledgeable individuals.

NORTHERN

ROCKINGHAM (Doug Horn)

First half of the week was very mild. Set record high temperature on Wednesday.

CENTRAL

CAROLINE (Mike Broaddus)

Nothing to report. The week has been great for harvest and small grain planting.

NELSON (Michael LaChance)

Apple harvest is moving along well with good weather throughout the week. Winds have been breezy for the latter half of the week but temperatures continue for good fruit color and flavor development pumpkins being bought and shipped. Ag related festivals and other forms of agriculture tourism in county in full swing, benefiting great by autumnal weather conditions and fall colors in the mountains. Ideal weather for the time of year.

EASTERN

KING GEORGE (Mike Broaddus)

Nothing to report. The week has been great for harvest and small grain planting.

GLOUCESTER/MATHEWS/MIDDLESEX (David Moore)

Corn is done for the most part. Soybean harvest getting under way. Yields about average and quality is okay but nothing special. Cover crops being planted. Just getting start with barley and wheat.

ESSEX/KING AND QUEEN/KING WILLIAM (Keith Balderson)

Weather was very good for field work for much of the week, and farmers continued to harvest corn and soybeans and plant small grains for gain and cover crops.

SOUTHWESTERN

SCOTT (Scott Jerrell)

We had sporadic rain showers on Friday and cooler temps this weekend.

SOUTHERN

LUNENBURG (Lindy Tucker)

Things are getting a tad dry. We could use a nice shower this week. The corn, milo, and tobacco are all just about out the field. Grass growth is slowing down with the cooler weather. Cattle producers are feeding some hay. Soybeans are dropping leaves – very few have been cut yet, but we will be harvesting soon. Where tobacco has been harvested, wheat is popping up.

SOUTHEASTERN

CHESAPEAKE CITY (Watson Lawrence Jr.)

Soybean harvest underway. Some damage showing up in grain. Sunny, dry, breezy weather helping dry fields out after Hurricane Matthew. Fall vegetable leafy crops damaged or in poor condition.

SOUTHAMPTON (Livvy Preisser)

Farmers have been able to get back in the field are busy picking peanuts and cotton. Weather is looking good and we should be able to harvest all week.

SURRY (Mr. Glenn Slade)

We had a good work week with corn harvest winding down. Peanut and cotton harvest in full swing, while soybean harvest and small grain seeding are also keeping growers busy.